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Dear Ms. Hesse:

All too often in our country it seems our government has taken aim at a successful company under the auspices of protecting the American people. Unfortunately, it is the government's actions that are truly hurting Americans.

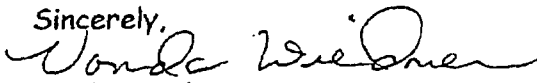
When the Department of Justice first began its pursuit of Microsoft it claimed it was doing so to protect consumers from some harm created by Microsoft. The reality could not be further from the truth.

The facts are simple really. Microsoft leads its industry because it has developed ways to meet consumers needs better then its competition. This is the American way! Most successful companies strive to be the very best in their field and compete hard with others in their industry. Certainly Microsoft is no exception. Punishing them for being the best is not appropriate.

The United States government and the Microsoft's competitors have yet to provide proof of how consumers have been harmed by Microsoft. However, as a taxpayer I can see where I have been harmed. Countless tax dollars have been spent in the pursuit of this case at a time when our economy is constricting. I view this a real example of harm.

Please accept the settlement offer.

Sincerely,


Vonda Wiedmer